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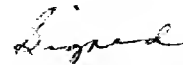
1 October 1955

The Honorable
The Attorney General
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Attorney General:

Following the meeting of the Security Council on September 29, which you attended, I have reviewed the problems of this Agency from the viewpoint of the adequacy of existing authorities. The Central Intelligence Agency was established by Section 102 of the National Security Act of 1947. It was given certain statutory duties which it is to perform under the direction of the National Security Council. A series of National Security Council directives have been promulgated which cover adequately all functions of the Agency presently being performed or in immediate prospect. Consequently, we can foresee no need for any formal action by the President or any legal requirement for Presidential signature to enable this Agency to continue to carry out its duties.

Sincerely,



Allen W. Dulles
Director

cc: Hon. Dillon Anderson

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